

Commonwealth of Virginia  
Department of Social Services



**ONS TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 06 01**

**Date: January 7, 2006**

☐ ACTION ITEM

☒ INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**Subject:** Virginia General Assembly 2006  
Request of Assistance with Legislation Review

**To:** ONS Resettlement Provider Directors

**From:** Kathy A. Cooper  
Virginia State Refugee Coordinator  
Virginia Office of Newcomer Services

**Contact:** Penny Boyd, [penny.boyd@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:penny.boyd@dss.virginia.gov) or 804-726-7933

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This Transmittal is to ask your assistance in reviewing proposed state legislation that may affect refugees.

The Virginia General Assembly (GA) convenes at noon on Thursday, January 12 and adjourns on Saturday, March 11. The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) monitors proposed legislation that may affect the clients it serves and the programs it administers. If proposed social services legislation affects the refugee population, the Office of Newcomer Services (ONS) is directed to review it. ONS' review is to include both (i) a list known affected constituents and constituent organizations and (ii) constituent positions on the legislation, if known.

If VDSS asks ONS to review proposed legislation, Penny Boyd will fax and e-mail a copy to you. She will ask for your reply within four hours of receipt of her request. Please understand this short timeframe is a result of the fast pace of most General Assembly actions and VDSS internal analysis procedures. Attached is an optional "Affected Constituent Inquiry Form" for your use when commenting on bills.

Some legislation that affects refugees and the broader immigrant population does not directly affect social services and ONS is not asked to prepare an analysis of proposed legislation. *When ONS is aware of such bills*, we will forward them to you for your information and *not* ask for your comments.

**Please review the attached list of contact names, e-mail addresses, and fax numbers and send corrections directly to Penny.**

During the legislative session, you can track activities on all bills the General Assembly is considering through the Legislative Information System Website at <http://legis.state.va.us/>.

**OFFICE OF NEWCOMER SERVICES 2006 GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENT CONTACT LIST**

**(AS OF 1/06/06)**

**PLEASE CHECK FOR ACCURACY AND NOTIFY PENNY OF NEEDED CORRECTIONS** ([penny.boyd@dss.virginia.gov](mailto:penny.boyd@dss.virginia.gov))

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Alexandria Office of Employment Training/Job Link	Rahim Aziz		<a href="mailto:rahim.aziz@alexandriava.gov">rahim.aziz@alexandriava.gov</a>	(703) 838-4057
Arlington Diocese Office of Resettlement	Seyoum Berhe	Director	<a href="mailto:sberhe@arlingtonrefugeeservices.com">sberhe@arlingtonrefugeeservices.com</a>	(703)524-2741
Arlington Diocese Office of Resettlement	Abdi Dahir		<a href="mailto:adahir@arlingtonrefugeeservices.com">adahir@arlingtonrefugeeservices.com</a>	(703) 524-2741
Catholic Diocese of Richmond Refugee & Immigration Services	Marilyn Breslow	Executive Director	<a href="mailto:mbreslow@richmonddiocese.org">mbreslow@richmonddiocese.org</a>	(804)355-4697
Catholic Diocese of Richmond Refugee & Immigration Services	Kathleen Jackson	Richmond Office Director	<a href="mailto:kjackson@richmonddiocese.org">kjackson@richmonddiocese.org</a>	(804)355-4697
Catholic Diocese of Richmond Refugee & Immigration Services	Karen Kurilko	Norfolk Office Director	<a href="mailto:kkurilko@richmonddiocese.org">kkurilko@richmonddiocese.org</a>	(757) 247-1070
Catholic Diocese of Richmond Refugee & Immigration Services	Barbara Smith	Roanoke Office Director	<a href="mailto:barbara@ris-roa.org">barbara@ris-roa.org</a>	(540) 344-7513
Center for Multicultural Human Services	Dennis J. Hunt	Executive Director	<a href="mailto:dhunt@cmhsweb.org">dhunt@cmhsweb.org</a>	(703) 237-2083
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Olivia Faries	UM Program Manager	<a href="mailto:Olivia_faries@cccovirginia.org">Olivia_faries@cccovirginia.org</a>	(804) 285-9130
Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc	Tsehay Teferre	Executive Director	<a href="mailto:tsehay.teferre@ecdinternational.org">tsehay.teferre@ecdinternational.org</a>	(703-685-0529)
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International Rescue Committee	Susan Donovan	Regional Director	<a href="mailto:susand@their.org">susand@their.org</a>	(434) 979-8161
Lutheran Refugee and Immigrant Services	Sarah Krause	Program Manager	<a href="mailto:krauses@lssnca.org">krauses@lssnca.org</a>	(703) 698-5026
Newcomers Community Service Center	Vilay Chaleunrat h	Executive Director	<a href="mailto:vilay@newcomerservice.org">vilay@newcomerservice.org</a>	(202) 462-2774
Virginia Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement Program	Richard Cline	Director	<a href="mailto:cline@vcc-net.org">cline@vcc-net.org</a>	(804) 321-8427
Virginia Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement Program	Ed Haurand		<a href="mailto:ehaurand@vcc-net.org">ehaurand@vcc-net.org</a>	(804) 321-8427
Virginia Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement Program	Viktor Sokolyuk	Harrisonburg Program Coordinator	<a href="mailto:sokolyuk@vcc-net.org">sokolyuk@vcc-net.org</a>	(540) 432-0238
Virginia Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement Program	Carolyn Monroe	Manassas Program Coordinator	<a href="mailto:monroe@vcc-net.com">monroe@vcc-net.com</a>	(703) 335-6782
Virginia Council of Churches Refugee Resettlement Program	Gloria Morales	Newport News Program Coordinator	<a href="mailto:morales@vcc-net.org">morales@vcc-net.org</a>	(757)-265-8607
Virginia Department of Health	Sidnee Dallas	Refugee Health Coordinator	<a href="mailto:Sidnee.dallas@vdh.virginia.gov">Sidnee.dallas@vdh.virginia.gov</a>	(804) 864-7913

Virginia Department of Social Services  
**Office of Newcomer Services**  
**2006 General Assembly Proposed Legislation**  
**Constituent Inquiry Form**

**CONFIDENTIAL INTERNAL WORKING DOCUMENT**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Number \_\_\_\_\_

To: Penny Boyd (for Kathy Cooper)  
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From: \_\_\_\_\_, Name  
\_\_\_\_\_, Title  
\_\_\_\_\_, Agency Name

*(Note: If this question and answer format does not meet your needs, any reply format will be appreciated: handwritten, running narrative, voice mail.)*

1. How will the people you serve be affected by this proposed legislation?

2. Would your agency support, oppose, or take no position on this legislation? Why?

3. If this legislation were passed, would there be a fiscal impact on your agency? (For example, would it expand or reduce your service population, the services you provide, management or on-line staffing. Would your agencies revenues be increased or decreased?)